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1. At 1120 hours on 14 April 1955 at N 55-45, E 19-00, three SVERDLOV-Class cruisers and three destroyers were observed on a southerly course. The speed of the cruisers was 14 to 16 knots. The speed of the destroyers varied and was in general greater than that of the cruisers. The distance between the cruisers was 800 to 1,000 meters, while in general the destroyers remained about 2,000 meters from the cruisers. The distance of observation was about seven nautical miles. A sketch of the observed maneuvering of these vessels is on page 2.
2. On 15 April 1955 at the same latitude and longitude as above, four SKORYY-Class destroyers were observed steaming in a column at about 16 knots on a westerly course. There was a distance of 600 to 800 meters between the ships.
3. On 17 April 1955 at the same latitude and longitude, three SVERDLOV-Class cruisers were observed steaming on a northwesterly course in column at 14 to 16 knots. There was a distance of 800 to 1,000 meters between the vessels. The cruisers were accompanied by three SKORYY-Class destroyers. The cruisers departed simultaneously with a port turn to the west.

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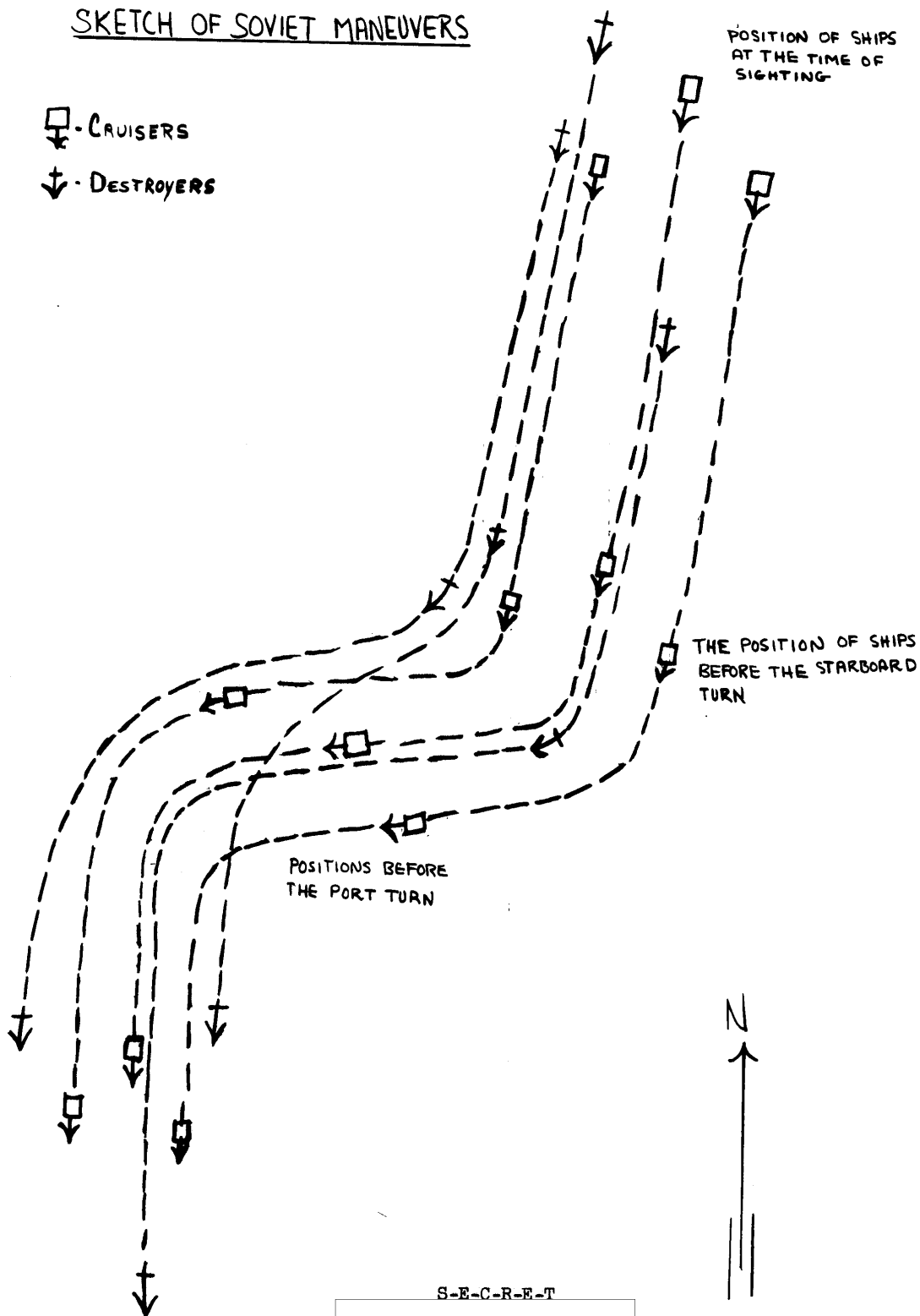
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SKETCH OF SOVIET MANEUVERS

☐ - CRUISERS
 ↓ - DESTROYERS



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